

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the title at page 1, lines 1-2, with the following amended title:**

~~ERROR-CORRECTING CODE DECODING DEVICE, PROGRAM,~~  
~~AND METHOD USED IN THE SAME~~ FOR DECODING LDPC CODES

**Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 16-17, with the following amended paragraph:**

FIG. 14A is a diagram showing an example of a parity check matrix H ~~and a Tanner~~  
~~graph~~ for an LDPC code;

**Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 18-19, with the following amended paragraph:**

FIG. 14B is a diagram showing an example of a ~~parity check matrix and a Tanner~~  
~~graph~~ G for an LDPC code; and